

Park St. Sunday aft^r. March
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Dearest Miss Weston,

My letter writing experience being the reverse of yours, it will take a sufficiently long reply to you two both to satisfy me having been wanting reconciled me to my Aunt's being, while with us, the medium of communicating to Paris the most ~~present~~ points in our proceedings. I stand to your never attributing silence on my part to any other cause than want of time, or to deeming me ungrateful for your continued affectionate recognition of us. This it is possible that the culminating point of our sympathy may have been reached before the festal days of our autumnal gathering were ended, & love for each member of that bright group is renewed on every remembrance of them, & augmented by any fresh incident that may affect their weal or woe, & you will readily believe that you are closely associated

with our obstinate interest of passing
vents. I won't say how far we may have
a fellow feeling with your sister Anne
who intimates that, the Westons family
once out of Paris, she should feel little
further concern in the movements
of its inhabitants. My Father has under-
taken that department of your controversy
& I have no inclination to embroil
myself. Certainly, my Aunt's inquiry as
to what I should have thought her
duty in regard to your urgent invitation
to her provided health had not precluded
her accepting it, did extort a confession
that I should not feel myself justified
in exposing my precious life to even this
remaining degree of risk, for mere motives
of pleasure, the ^{wildly} ~~and~~ the plea of duty I
should feel no hesitation in running
much greater hazard; but our careful scrup-
pling of your arguments for the continuance
of tranquility left us without much more
basis for inferring it than could be derived
from the circumstance of Mr Scholtes being

in London. This doubtless indicates our
stupidity and obstinacy, & prejudice how
the confession proves our honesty at any
rate. I wish my Aunt had been able to
write to you herself she left us more
than a week ago, but has not done enough
~~to~~ announce her arrival since. I hope
change of air will do her good. She under-
took to relieve your mind on the subject
of the convention, but I dare say failed to
assure you of the depth of my sorrow with
myself but with you at all, & then I ex-
pect L. Mathew's utterance of a wish for
what he fondly hoped might supply after
some of his own deficiencies & afford some
of the light that he found England de-
stitute of, in such a bungling way as
to enable you to augur that he was
setting to work colling the world together
which would be as foreign from his
vision as much beyond his power
power at least as summing up spirits
from the mighty deep. My Father
may perhaps give intimation of the
concluded pride which affected him
at your informing him it was takeably that,

you deemed us doomed by the gods for
destruction, as ^{to} sending often to you the
close scrutiny, to go to Paris to learn the
disqualifications of L. Mathews for a
commanding post, & the extent of his
deficiencies & limitations of his capacity.
Nevertheless we were most grateful for
your sedulous vigilance in protecting
the cause from harm. This any inad-
vertence of ours, O trust, we shall always
accept your warnings & counsels
as to secure your repeating them whenever
they may be needed. My depression
of spirits arose from a different cause.
There seems a species of ingratitude, after
giving our antislavery light & life to your
associates, to refuse to follow your
pointings of duty in any line of action,
by which very light you have imparted
will force us in a different track, &
while the star is moving on towards
the east, we dare not stand in fond an-
noyance fixing our glances on this spot
where its brightness was first manifested.
& I know that some of your, & still more

of Mr Chapman's recent deduction
from our common principles are
so strangely at variance with ours,
that it is an abiding enigma to me, &
I turn thankfully to the press of actual
^{supreme importance} work to brush the haunting unsolved
problem. But (as I feared) there is
no time for doing justice to any ar-
gument, so I will refrain from enter-
ing it. That you may not at once
clap us with the recreant betrayers
of the cause I will just tell you
that too far no inclination or inten-
tion to lower our standard, & concieve
it impossible that any good end can
be served by any sort of compromise,
& that nothing will ever induce us to
recognize a few of yours as in any
sense or degree the slaves friend.
But after this you must be resigned
to what Mr Chapman calls a coalition
till a union on our part; for since
a careful study of the Free Mission
Baptist papers for more than twelve

months, & many other sources of information we have come to recognize them as your allies, &c. Think that the sweeping condemnation of them with American Foreign Soc^y, Gratzon movements, Canada missions, &c. & with those who have every thing to gain by the cause, betokens an ignorance of ^{work done.} which should guard ^{you} against any strong expression, or else a more fearful conclusion is presented - viz. that Campbell, Gutherie, Chapman & ^{some} have got hold of such a view of truth in reference to the hostility of the Boston abolitionists to churches, as such, as will paralyze all our efforts to prove them storytellers. I would know whether the whole exception of Indiana Friends are members of the Am. Society, because I can't see why if not they do not incur similar reprobation with the F.M. Baptists, &c. touch Mr Chapman to explain in what sense the terms the latter "Baptist Abolitionists" different from

That in which we are Unitarian & Abolitionists
in what sole point our objects do
not accord. Sometimes I imagine an
association of proselyting is connected
with the term Mission in your minds,
whereas, that was ~~only~~ adopted because
Missionary objects are the only ones in
which Baptists co-operate. If people's
making Anti-slavery a sine qua non,
being snubbed, proscribed, trampled
up rather than having any connection
with slavery is not sufficient, unless
they promise not to spread any other
teach ~~in~~ concern at the same time
until slavery is abolished, I fear
the day of emancipation will be very
far off. These F. M. Baptists treat the
whole pro-slavery church just as severely
& discriminatively as Mr. Garrison, they
point out every compromise of principle
^{among} present in their own & other denominations
just as unspareingly, I made observation
on the defectiveness of some resolutions
of a ^{late} Christian convention substantially
the same as Mr. L. Ford (I think it was)

in the Liberator. They are always ^{admiring} you
the mouth telling no pages from your
Speakers Monitor, &c &c There is a good
deal of Word about the grace of the
spirit &c. (in our eyes) & this now & then
there may be some passage about
Liberty Party, they are never allowed
to cover over the lack of Antislavery
reality among various classes of peo-
ple. I did not mean to intrude on
any defence of these people who are
quite above needing it, but for the
sake of the American Society if you
care for its ~~having~~ English sympathy
I would you to suspend any open
censure of Free Mission Baptists till
you have studied them as carefully
as we have. I enclose the extract
production of Mr Gutherie, which
if you are already possessed of please
return. We think you had better
see all the things that are in such
vigorous circulation, because you
sometimes seem to estimate all that
are deluded by these pernicious efforts.

to deceive them, as not worth
living, because they have not
come by intuition to the truth which
has never found its way to them. I am
delighted to shake off all who accept
these falsehoods in preference to truth,
but not willing to ~~conceive~~^{must be} all ~~the~~ oppo-
sites who have never dreamed there
was a different version, & you with
your clear insight into the comparative
mental studencies of John Bull & John
Thun, ought not to condemn the former
with ~~the~~^{natural} one-sidedness for what would
generate even the ~~most~~ ^{most} one-sided America.
But I am writing in far too much
haste to be either intelligible or civil.
I wanted to unburden myself on
a few points that concerned with leaving
a great many in a mess, & not telling
any of our amusing work with Mr
Webb about Tappan & Scoble. You
shall see one sample of his prof.
The preceding 3 years are gone
back to him. They are only detached
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passages to be arranged after being
submitted to us. I forwarded ^{your} Mrs.
Chapman's invaluable commentary
I hope she will send its continuation
direct to Mr. W. if it be not yet des-
patched. We are determined to make
a vehement assault upon the
traitors. I long for you to see Dr.
Matthews' last reply to Scoble, which
I took upon myself to write & he
deemed "all that the crisis demands."
Unhappily it has not yet appeared, &
Scoble is going to the Grand in private
to complain of his ^{losses} lettering Matthews
whip him in the A.D. The bright
thought struck me that if a certain
"A Register" could be discovered in
which Henderson ^{had} once been described as
having some document which he
he & Scoble have persisted in disclaiming,
it would help on the exposure wonderfully.
So I threw myself up into Mr. Jones's
indulgence & spent a vast time with
him in his study while he ^{was writing} his
sermons, ransacking a huge box of

papers, & was finally rewarded with
discovering the treasure which E.
Matthews thinks most "provident"
It will be so amusing to send round
the two contradictory statements
in print & leave S. Stevenson to recon-
cile them, & then to follow up this
little incongruity with Mr. Webb's un-
sparring disclosure of all the dealing
of Scottie & Co for the last 12 years.
Meanwhile my peculiar mission
is a contest with Dr Campbell, &
whatever else you may accuse
us of it will not be slumbering at
our posts. Miss Tribe has just
reappeared, but only in person, as
& she is going to be married to a gentle-
man Hall. She looks about twice as
fat & merry as when we were both
together, I have only had one glimpse
at her tho'. Mr Armstrong has just re-
turned & seems to preach again. I hope
they don't mean to be ill for sometime
to come, but he looks very feeble. The

Three Miss Brewings meant to go to
Paris in about a fortnight & said
they should call upon you. They
are really very excellent people &
I don't think you found yourselves
much in rapport with them in Boston.
Walter called on us lately & spoke very
gratefully of your kind attentions
to him, & told a great many things
which brought you before us very
pleasantly. How ashamed I am
of this scrambling effusion, but
had not even time to look for a paper.
Please accept my good intentions
and forgive all abruptness
or impertinencies; & on loving &
counselling me however unworthy
I may seem. With fond remembrance
to all the circle your very affectionate
Many letters.